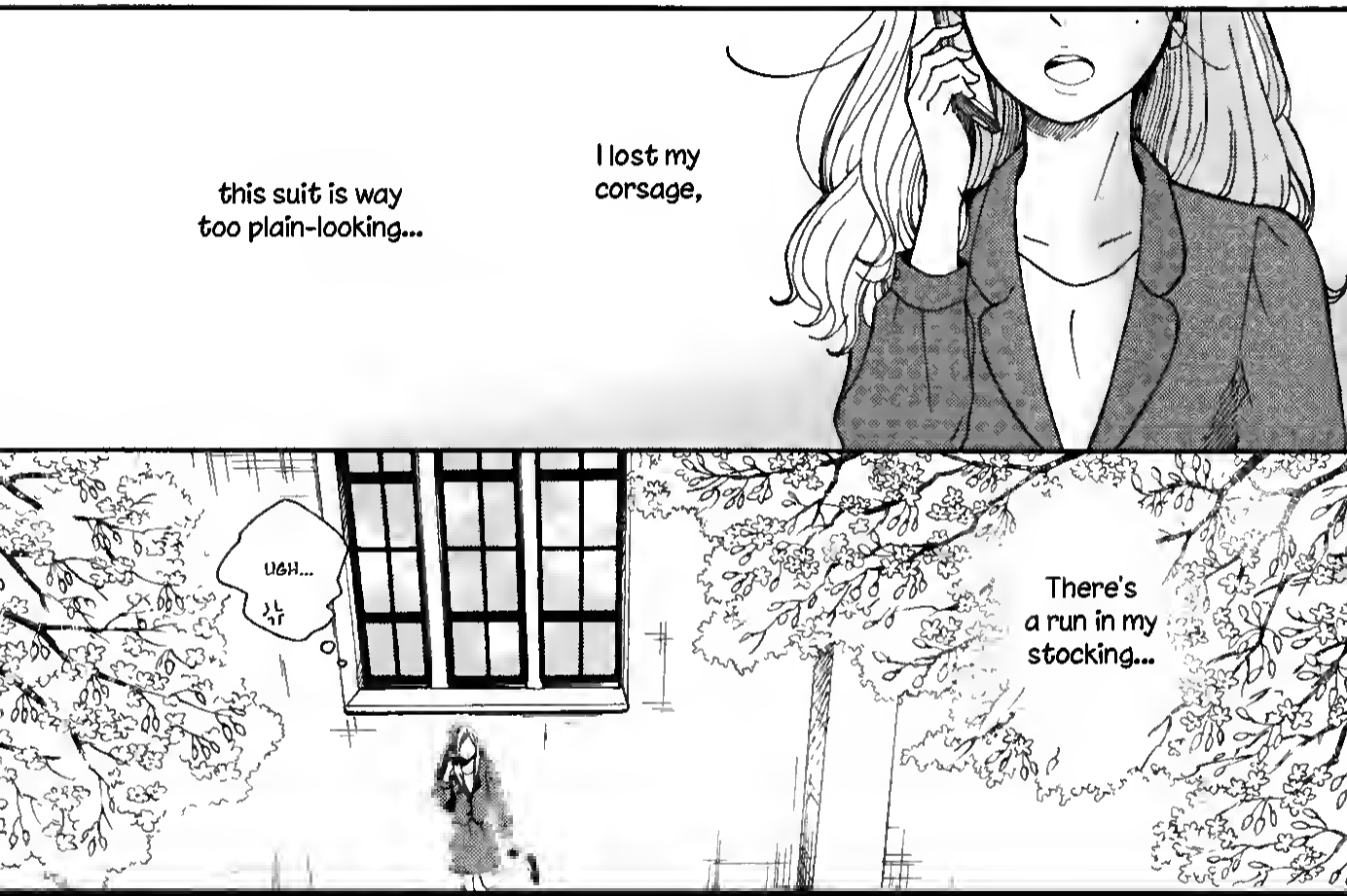
少女の魔笛(まてき)
THE GIRL'S MAGIC FLUTE
磯谷友紀
YUKI ISOYA

Goodness gracious.

but it's just been the absolute pits right from the start.

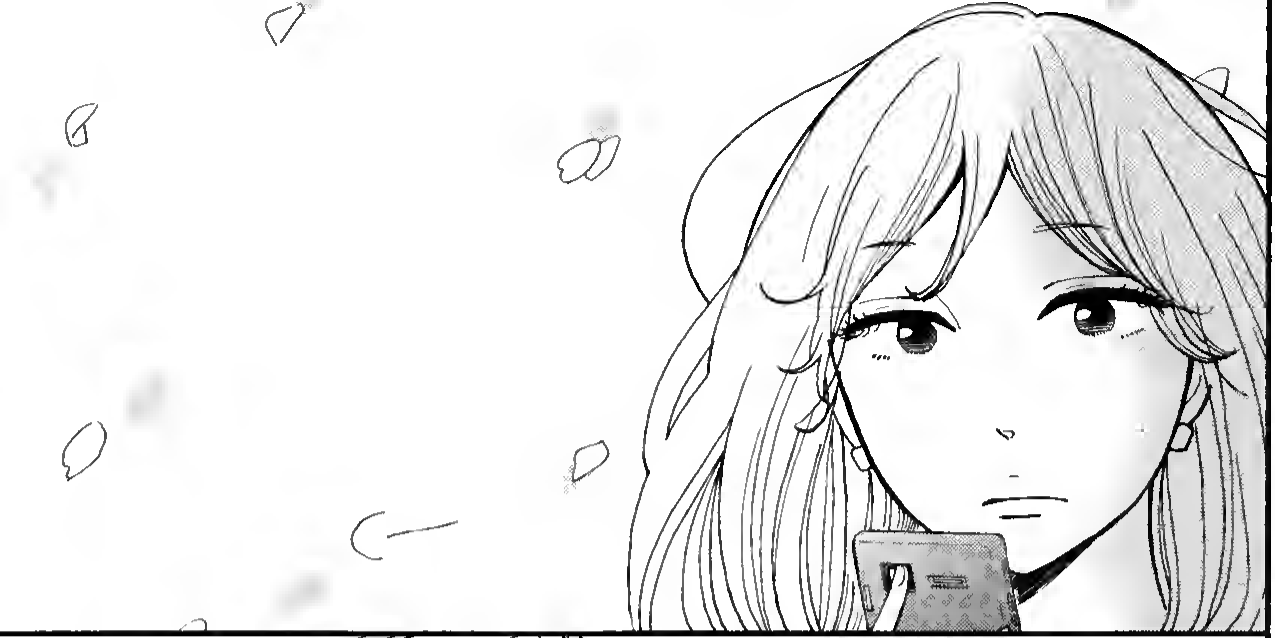
Today is the day of my son's school-entrance ceremony,

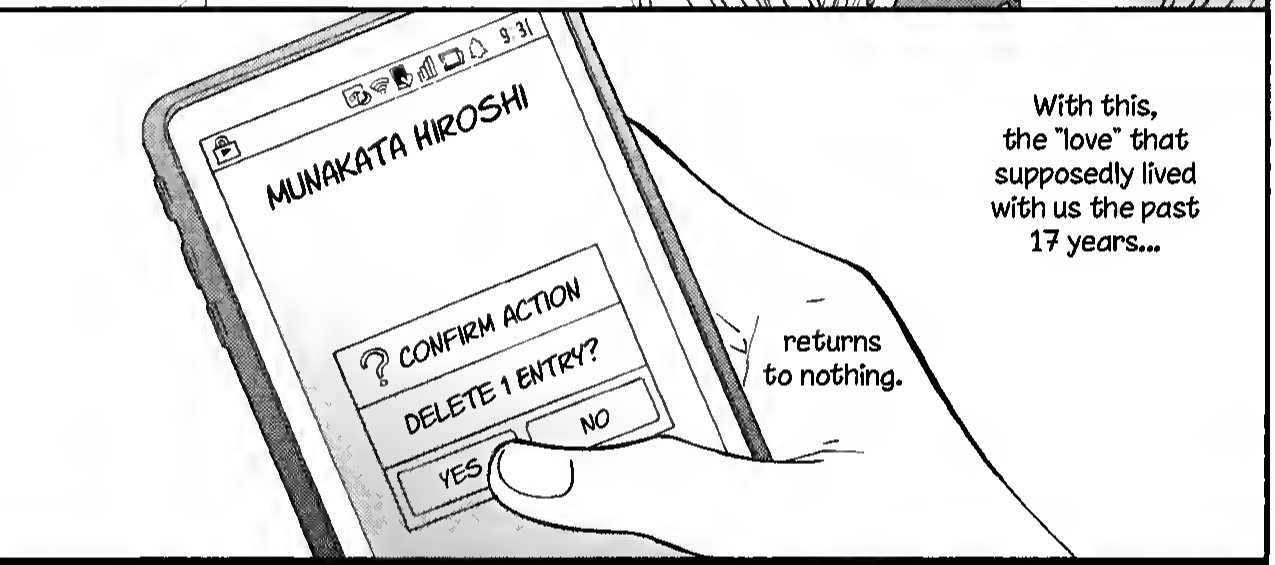


...and I divorced my cheating husband.

THIS IS THE END. THEN. GOODBYE.

BEEP




MUNAKATA HIROSHI
CONFIRM ACTION
DELETE 1 ENTRY?
NO
YES
With this, the "love" that supposedly lived with us the past 17 years...
returns to nothing.

All returns...

to...

nothi...

stare
Gasp!
Blush
wipe
stare
A FLOWER ON HER CHEST... SHE'S A NEW STUDENT

UHHM,
G..
GOOD
AFTER-
NOON.
Wh...What's
she doing?
I wish
she'd hurry up
and go past...
GOOD
AFTER-
NOON.
AH...
YES.
I THINK
THE ENTRANCE
CEREMONY IS
STARTING..
But before that..
UM...
MAY I ASK
FOR YOUR
NAME?
EH?
?
MY
NAME?
Why?
YES.
SAKASHITA
SHOU'S MOTHER
IF YOU END UP
IN HIS CLASS,
TAKE CARE OF
HIM FOR ME!
I'M
SORRY,
SHOU...
Wh...
What's with
this girl?
OH.
WELL,
I'M...

MY NAME'S ANDOU RISE. IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.
I ended up seeing something nice. I think I can call it a day.
I had regretted making that phone call in a place like this, but...
I really don't feel like going to the ceremony.
slink
slink
And my mascara's totally gone.
That girl...
certainly is pretty.
Look how long her legs are!
Hoo

I'M HOME.
COME ON, HURRY UP.
WELCOME BACK.
GOOD AFTERNOON.
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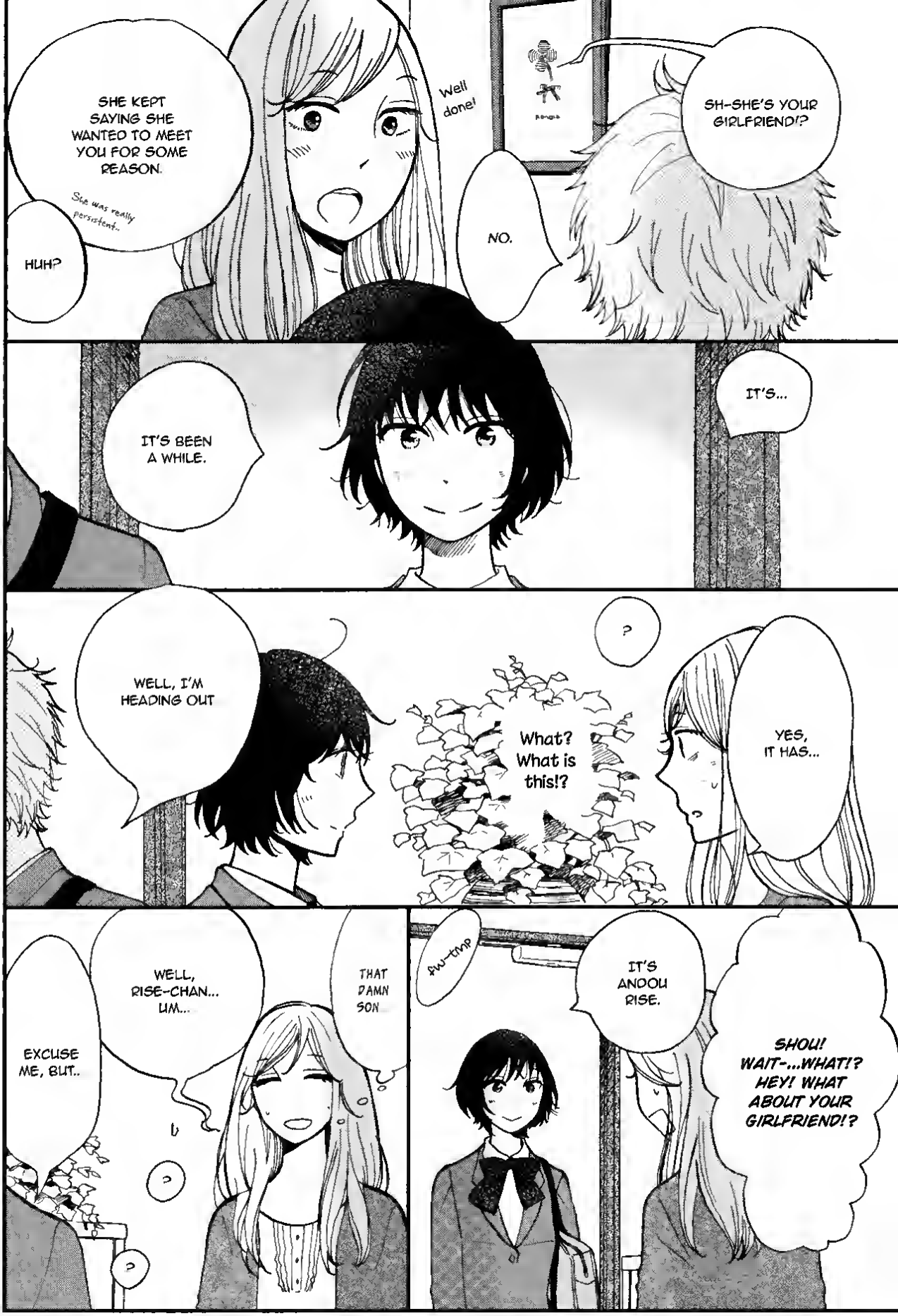
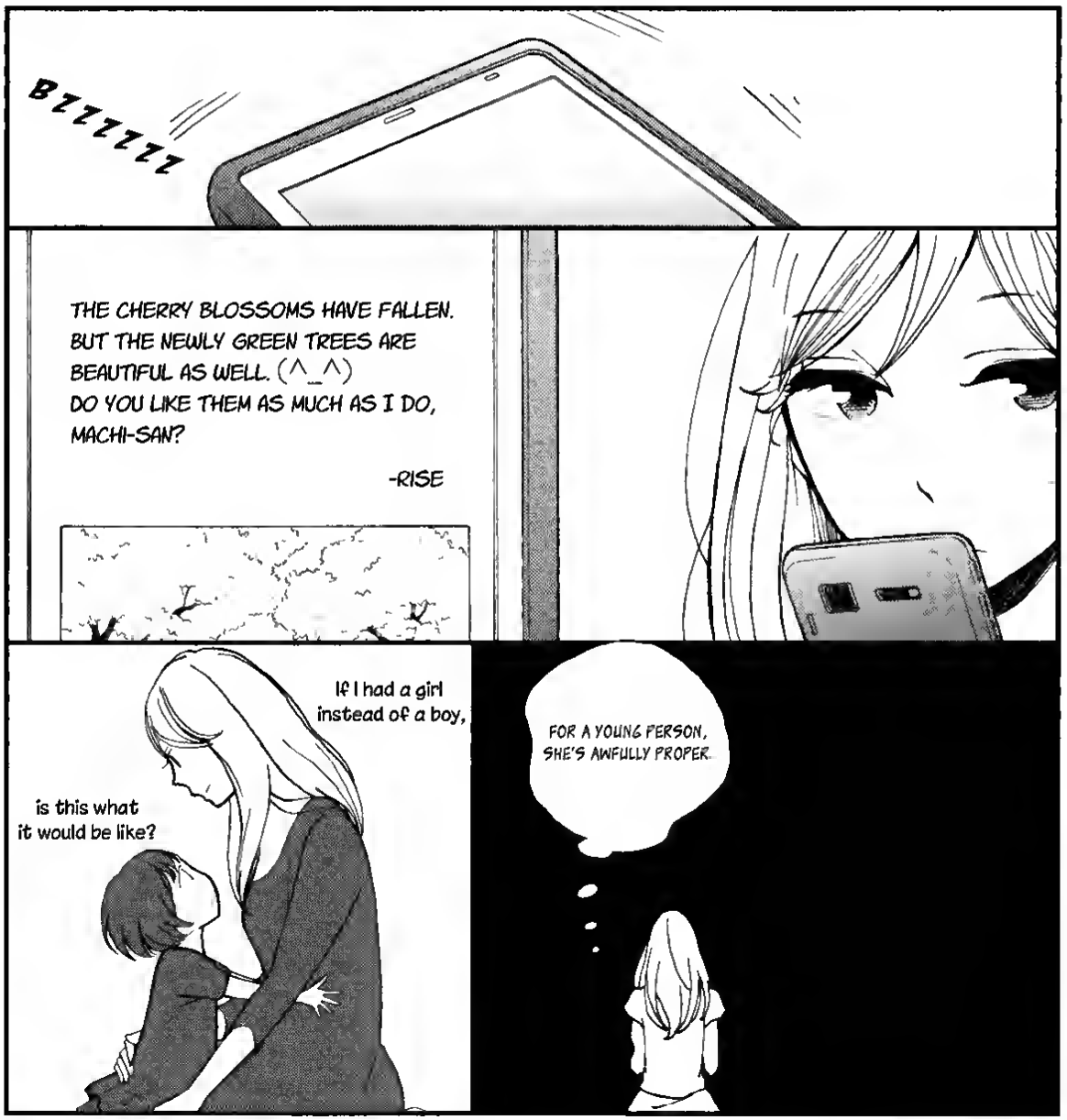
O...H...?
You're...


SHE KEPT SAYING SHE WANTED TO MEET YOU FOR SOME REASON.
She was really persistent..
HUH?
Well done!
SH-SHE'S YOUR GIRLFRIEND!?
NO.
IT'S...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
WELL, I'M HEADING OUT
What? What is this!?
?
YES, IT HAS...
THAT DAMN SON
WELL, RISE-CHAN... UM...
EXCUSE ME, BUT..
?
?
PYU-TMP
IT'S ANOOU RISE.
SHOU! WAIT-...WHAT!? HEY! WHAT ABOUT YOUR GIRLFRIEND!?

I'VE...
FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU, MACHI-SAN.
WHAT!?
Wh-...
Hmmm?
Huh??
Um
WHY WITH ME!?
Not my son?
?
THIS HAS TO BE SOME KIND OF MISTAKE, RIGHT?
IT WAS...
LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.
.....

I'M BACK...
SHE TOLD ME SHE WAS IN LOVE WITH ME.
Some kind of prank?
I AM. IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT GIRL?
YOU SEEM WORN OUT.
YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE...
Come in...
SHE CAN HELP YOU BOUNCE BACK.
WELL, GOOD FOR YOU! YOU'RE SINGLE AGAIN, AND ANDOU'S PRETTY.
AHH... SOUNDS LIKE HER.
Nngh...
then I really don't get it.
They're just hard to fathom...
KIDS THESE DAYS.
NO, SHE'S GOT ONE. SHE'S MENTIONED HER BEFORE.
MAYBE SHE DOESN'T HAVE A MOM, SO SHE'S LOOKING FOR A MATERNAL FIGURE IN HER LIFE?
Something like that?
Fwi-thmp

I don't think...
it's something I'm equipped to deal with.


BZZZZZZ
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS HAVE FALLEN. BUT THE NEWLY GREEN TREES ARE BEAUTIFUL AS WELL. (^_^) DO YOU LIKE THEM AS MUCH AS I DO, MACHI-SAN?
-RISE
If I had a girl instead of a boy,
is this what it would be like?
FOR A YOUNG PERSON, SHE'S AWFULLY PROPER.

I'm sure
she'll grow tired of it
soon enough.
Best to leave
it alone.
marutou
marutou
AH...
THANK
YOU FOR
SHOPPING
WITH US.
YOUR
CHANGE
WILL BE
21 YEN.

Push
She's just looking...
for a mother figure.
Something like that.
slide
WEL...
COME
...
startle
stroke
I WANTED...
TO SEE YOU.
rub
rub
rub

WHAT BEAUTIFUL FINGERS.
Why would someone like her...
be interested in someone like me?
—.....
I'M OFF THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW
WANT TO COME OVER?
Well, I invited her over, but...
we have absolutely nothing to talk about.
.....
WHAT WOULD A 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL LIKE TO TALK ABOUT?
I have no idea

UM... WANT TO DO SOME EMBROIDERY?
DO YOU LIKE TO SEW?
I'M... NO GOOD AT IT!
BUT...
I'D LIKE TO TRY!
PLEASE TEACH ME!
I JUST LOVE THIS.
DOESN'T IT CALM YOU DOWN?
UHHM...
YES?
Calm you down?
HEY, RISE-CHAN .. WHAT SORT OF PERSON IS YOUR MOTHER?
JUST A NORMAL MIDDLE-AGED LADY.
THAT'S ALL I AM TOO, A NORMAL MIDDLE-AGED LADY.
JUST SOMEBODY SCRAPING BY ON REPARATION MONEY AND A PART-TIME JOB AT THE SUPERMARKET.
Heh heh she's getting frustrated

NOT AT ALL! MY MOM IS WAY, WAY OLDER THAN YOU ARE!
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG, MACHI-SAN!
BUT WHY ME, OF ALL PEOPLE?
THAT DAY... AT THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY...
I JUST COULDN'T FORGET IT.
YOUR TEARS...
AND...
YOU WERE SO PRETTY
THE WAY YOU WERE STANDING..
.....
ARE YOU A LESBIAN?

I'M NOT SURE...
I'VE ONLY EVER FELT
THIS WAY ABOUT YOU.
IT MUST JUST
BE A PHASE,
THEN.
EVEN IF IT WERE,
RIGHT NOW...
I LOVE YOU!
I really don't know
what to do about this...
MAY I HUG YOU?

AHM...
SURE.
G..GO AHEAD
WH-EH!?
Hu
Hug me?
jab
!
OOH-
CH!
Ahh...
I PRICKED MYSELF.
grab
WOAH!
I...I'm so sorry!
I did it too hard...
OH, DON'T WORRY!
It's fine.

WH-
lick
AGH!
HEY...
HEY!!

Like a sea of sweet whipped cream...
Painful,
and sweet.
MACHI-SAN...
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU ALL THE TIME.

RISE-CHAN... MY PLAN IS TO EVENTUALLY GET MARRIED AGAIN.
I'M A CALCULATING PERSON.
ONCE MY SON GETS MARRIED AND MOVES OUT, I'LL BE ON MY OWN.
AND I DON'T WANT THAT.
THEN I'LL BE THE ONE TO STAY WITH YOU.
EH?
AH HA HA! COME ON, YOU DON'T MEAN THAT.
ONCE YOU'RE TIRED OF ME, RISE, YOU CAN JUST LEAVE ANYTIME YOU WANT, RIGHT?
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU PLAN ON DOING SOMEDAY...
YOU MIGHT AS WELL HAVE LEFT ME ALREADY.
.....

YOU'RE RIGHT.
I HAVEN'T REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT THE FUTURE AT ALL.
RIGHT? I FIGURED AS MUCH.
IF IT'S JUST SOMETHING FOR RIGHT NOW, YOU DON'T WANT IT?
BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT I LOVE YOU!

Just look at how
brilliantly she's shining.

Oh...?
What am I...

She's so beautiful...

Ahhh...
it's no use.
This girl...
has wrapped
me around herself
and is pulling me
down into a hole.
It's sweet
and stifling.
Ahh...
what happiness.
End

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